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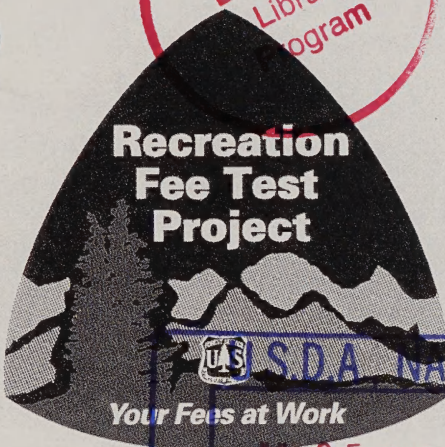
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# Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area

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**Recreation  
Fee Test  
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*Your Fees at Work*

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## **Recreation Fee Test Project**

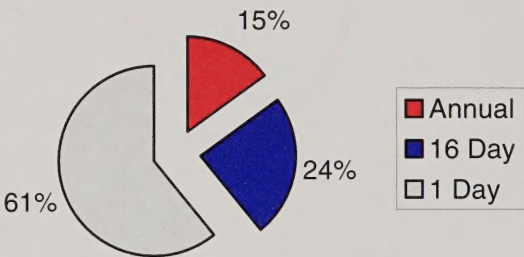
### **Annual Report 1997**

## How Much Money Did We Collect

Wyoming - \$78,407 (41%)

Utah - \$112,830 (59%)

**TOTAL - \$191,237**



## How Were The Fees Spent?

Vendor Sales Commissions - \$16,046 (8%)

Projects & Construction - \$37,345 (20%)

Program Startup - \$19,219 (10%)

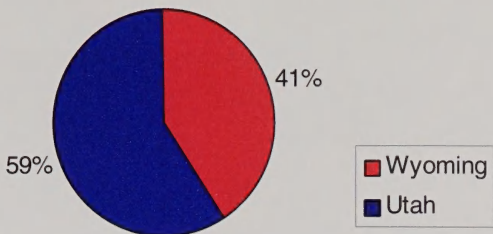
(Kiosks, Signs, Passes, Collection Support, Accounting)

**TOTAL SPENT - \$72,610 (38%)**

Carry Over to 1998 Projects - \$118,627 (62%)

**TOTAL COLLECTED - \$191,237**

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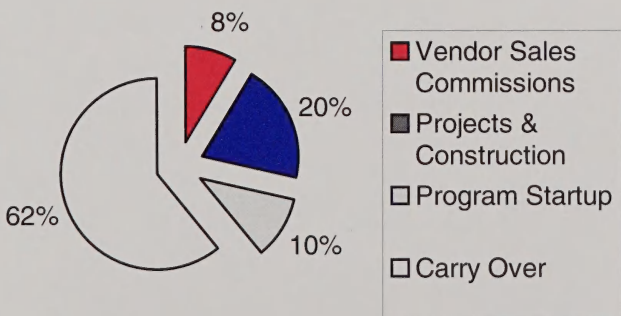
## How Many Passes Did We Sell?

Annual Passes - 5,600 @ \$20.00 (15%)

16 Day Passes - 9,000 @ \$5.00 (24%)

1 Day Passes - 22,700 @ \$2.00 (61%)

**TOTAL PASSES - 37,300**



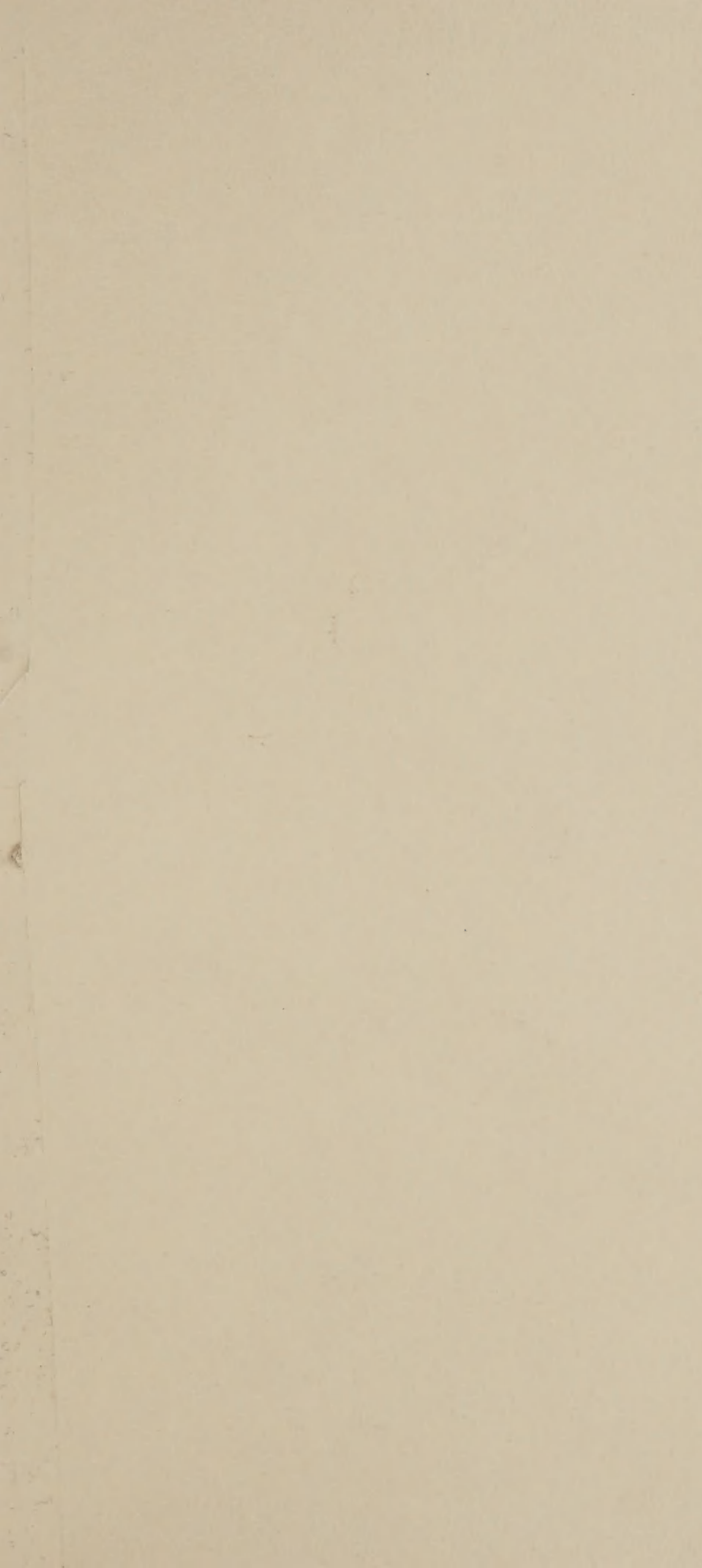
## **What is the Fee Program?**

Congress authorized federal agencies to collect recreation fees at test sites around the nation for a 3-year period.

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area was one of the first Forest Service sites to begin collecting fees which began March 31, 1997. The purpose of the fees is to generate money to do much-needed repairs and improvements to facilities in the Flaming Gorge NRA.

## **What Did We Accomplish with Your Fees?**

- ◆ Installed rubber bumpers on 95 dock sections
- ◆ Replaced waterline at Firefighter's Campground
- ◆ Replaced recreation area signing at Firehole
- ◆ Installed reservoir hazard signs at all improved boat ramps
- ◆ Installed interpretive signs at Firehole, Buckboard, and Anvil Draw in partnership with Wyoming Game & Fish Dept.
- ◆ Purchased materials for floating toilets at



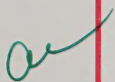


## **What Projects are Planned in 1998?**

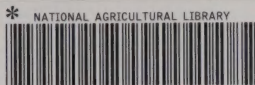
- Complete floating toilets at Buckboard and Lucerne
  - Emergency pothole repair on paved roads
- Repair Firehole and Squaw Hollow boat ramps
- Replace 900 feet of water line at Red Canyon Campground
- Separate culinary and irrigation water at Antelope Flats
- Construct handicapped access to Lucerne courtesy dock
  - Install new powerline at Firefighter's Campground
- Install toilets at Lost Dog and South Buckboard
- Design and engineering of Red Canyon Road

## **What's Changing in 1998?**

People with a Golden Age, Golden Eagle, or Golden Access Passport will not be required to purchase a Fee Pass. Use of the NRA will be free to those Passport holders.







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## *To Our Customers*

*1997 was quite a year at the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. We started the Fee Program at Flaming Gorge on March 31, 1997. It was a tough transition for everyone - you the customer and us at the Forest Service.*

*I made a commitment to you that we would publish this Annual Report and let you know what we did with your fee money. I also promised you that we would not hire new people who would be giving tickets. We have 2 law enforcement officers on the NRA now, a year ago we had 3. In fact, we have 6 fewer permanent employees on the NRA than we did a year ago. Finally, I told you we would not increase the fees in 1998, and we haven't.*

*Besides the progress we made fixing things with the Fee monies, several other projects around the Gorge were completed:*

*-The Firehole Road was completely rebuilt by the Federal Highway Administration and Lewis & Lewis Construction for \$3.2 million.*

*-The Wyoming Division of Transportation continued improving Highway 530 and another 5 miles were widened and resurfaced -improving access to the west side of the NRA.*

*-The Wyoming National Guard and Sweetwater County Road Department repaired the Lost Dog Road when it was closed by flooding.*

*-The Wyoming National Guard, Bassmasters Club, Waste Management of Rock Springs, and the public conducted the largest cleanup we've ever had at the NRA at Firehole.*

*-The \$200,000 Cedar Springs and Mustang Boatramps improvements project was completed using Utah Wallop-Breaux funds.*

*As you can see, many agencies, groups, businesses, and volunteers worked together to improve facilities and roads on the NRA. Fee monies were only a portion of the total dollars spent for maintenance and repairs.*

*I'm also pleased that \$16,000 went back to businesses in the area who sold the passes in 1997.*

*Thank you for your help and support. I look forward to continued progress in 1999.*

*David T. Bull  
District Ranger*

